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## THEATRE ROYAL

On SATURDAY the 18th instant, will be presented

The COME OPERA of

### THE MAID OF THE MILL.

Lord Alimworth, Mr CRIST.  
Sir Harry Sycamore, Mr FOWLER;  
Mervin, Mr Tannett; Fairfield, Mr Sparks; Ralph, Mr Hallion;  
And Giles, Mr BELL;  
(Being his first appearance on this stage.)  
Fanny (the Gipsy) Miss MILLS;  
Theodora, Mrs Woods; Lady Sycamore, Mrs Burden;  
And Patty, Miss FARRER.  
To which will be added, A FAVOURITE FARCE,  
Written by W. O'Brien, Esq;  
(Not acted here these many years.)

## CROSS PURPOSES.

Alderman Grub, Mr JOHNSON;  
Confol, Mr Fowler; Robin, Mr Banks; Captain Bevil, Mr Sutherland;  
Counsellor Bevil, Mr Bell; Frank Bevil, Mr Simpson; Servant, Mr Bland, Jun.  
And Chapeau, Mr WARD.  
Emily, Mrs Mills; Housemaid, Mrs Tannet;  
And Mrs Grub, Mrs CHARTERIS.

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I. BARCLAY and Co. return their grateful acknowledgments to their Customers for past favours; and beg leave to acquaint the Public, That in the view of the dissolution of the Company, they have begun a sale of the stock of Goods on hand, which are all new, neat, and fashionable; and, among a variety of other articles, consist of the following complete assortment of

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Borders for Gowns, from 10s. 6d. to 2l. a suit.

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Mrs LIGHTON requests that those who stand indebted to her late husband will order payment without delay.

## New Raisins, Figs, Lemons, and China Oranges.

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Apply to John Walker and Co. Edinburgh, or to David Liddell at their Warhouses, near the Church in South Leith.

## Notice to Creditors.

Campbell, Jan. 8. 1783.

THAT TIMOTHY MOOR late vintner in Port George intends to fill his houses and other subjects in Campbelltown, upon Wednesday the 22d current, by public roup, for behoof of his Creditors.

Those to whom he is indebted are desired to lodge their claims of debt against him properly vouched, in the hands of Mr Duncan Urquhart, Fort George, betwixt and the day of roup.

## HOUSE AND WINDOW DUTY.

NOTWITHSTANDING of repeated letters, and former advertisements, several Collectors of the Duties upon Houses and Windows, and Inhabited Houses, have not yet paid to the Receiver General the said Duties, (for the year ended 5th April 1782.) which is a direct breach of their duty, and for which they are liable to be severely censured.—Therefore, Intimation is hereby made to all such Collectors, and their sureties, That if the said Duties are not forthwith paid to the Receiver-General, prosecutions will be commenced against them in Candlemas term first, for payment of the said Duties, and also for all expenses that may be incurred thereanent.

It is entreated, that all Collectors in arrears of the said Duties, and their sureties, and particularly Magistrates of royal burghs, and their collectors, will, for this one time, give due attention to this Advertisement, and thereby prevent trouble and expence.

In many counties and royal burghs in Scotland the Commissioners of Supply, and Magistrates have very properly come to a resolution not to collect their collectors, if they do not at the meeting for election produce the Receiver-General's discharge of the aforesaid Duties, for the year immediately preceding, by which means the duties are levied and paid regularly, without trouble or expence. And it is entreated, that such Counties and Burghs as have yet come to no such resolution, will, at their first meeting, consider of the propriety of doing so: And at any rate, that they may be careful in taking proper securities for the collectors named by them, without which much trouble and expence may be occasioned, and even revenue lost.

## HOUSE IN PARLIAMENT-CLOSE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Monday the 27th day of January 1783, at six o'clock afternoon, The South Half of the Third Storey above the Shops of the Great TENEMENT on the east side of the Parliament-cloffe, commonly called the President's stairs, belonging to, and presently possessed by the heirs of the deceased Mr William Henry writer in Edinburgh; consisting of a kitchen and five fire rooms, with closets and other conveniences; and a cellar in the ground of said tenement.

The house may be seen Wednesdays and Saturdays, betwixt twelve and two o'clock.

The progress of writings and articles of roup are to be seen in the hands of George Canin writer to the signet.

## TO BE SOLD.

AN elegant and commodious Dwelling-House

and pertinents, consisting of a ground flat, containing two large parlours, and two bed rooms; second flat, an elegant drawing room, and three large bed chambers; third flat, sundry bed chambers, a kitchen, without the house, and variety of offices, a parterre in front, and a small garden behind: the House all inclosed with stone walls, pleasantly situated below the Abbeyhill, upon the old coach-road from Edinburgh to Leith, and presently possessed by Captain Rutherford.—The purchaser's entry may be at Whitunday next.

For particulars apply to Thomas Tod writer to the signet Edinburgh.

## TO BE LET OR SOLD.

THAT Dwelling-House, being the Third

Storey in the new land at the head of New Street, Canongate, as lately possessed by the now-deceased Mrs Crichton, consisting of five rooms and a kitchen, with a good cellar, and many other conveniences.

The key will be had at Bailie Miller's, corner shop, below the house; and those who intend to purchase, may apply to Thomas Boyes writer in Edinburgh, at his house in Cooper's Land, opposite the Canongate Kirk.

## TO BE SOLD.

THAT elegant, well-built and commodious

Lodging, or Dwelling-house, in the Canongate of Edinburgh, on the north side of the High Street thereof, near the foot, opposite to the Duke of Queensberry's lodging, having an elegant coach and two foot entries from the street, and consisting of five storeys or floors, besides garrets, with the fore court in front of said house, and garden at the east end thereof, planted and ornamented; together with the back court, covered way, kitchen, scullery, water-pipe, water-closet, and cellars, as the same are all fitted up and furnished with dressers, shelves, cataracts, and other fixtures. AS ALSO, stable, containing stalls for seven horses, with two coach-houses, hay-loft, and two servants rooms above the same; and a millen, or dung-heap, lying to the north or back of said house: As the same were built and finished in the most superb and elegant manner by the late Honourable Mr Baron Grant.

The days of viewing the house, Tuckdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, between the hours of eleven forenoon and three afternoon.

The title deeds of the house, and pertinents, which are perfectly clear, are in the hands of Mary Guthrie, junior, writer in Argyle-Square, Edinburgh, who will inform as to the price, and other particulars.

## Candle-Moulds and other Pewter Work.

JAMES WRIGHT, Pewterer,

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Takes this method to inform the public and his friends, that he makes and sells the following Articles, wholesale and retail, viz.

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Also makes the following Articles, in imitation of Silver: Sacrament Cups, Screwed Pepper and Mustard-Boxes, Vase Sugar-bowls and Cream-pots, Tea and Table Spoons, Sugar-bowls and Cream-pots with Sign Watches for Watchmakers, Egg Cups, Windows, &c. &c. &c.

Besides the vase tea-pots above mentioned, he also sells London ones of an inferior kind, and every other article in the pewter branch.

J. Wright thinks it unnecessary to use any further solicitations to those who have formerly favoured him with their custom, as they well know the above articles are equal to any done in this country, particularly the candle-moulds, which were first made in Scotland by his father many years ago, and which he has now so much improved, that they have been found, upon trial, to be preferable to any brought from England.

N. B. Commissions from the country, directed as above, will be punctually answered.

## JAMES TORRY Merchant,

EXCHANGE EDINBURGH,

TAKES the liberty to inform the Public, his friends and Customers, That he is just returned from London, and some of the chief manufacturing towns in England, where he has been for some time, and has brought from thence a very new and extensive collection of the different articles of Mens Mercery. This assortment has been made with the utmost care and attention in regard to quality, fashion, and variety; and he humbly flatters himself, is amongst the most complete that has been offered in this country.

In gratitude to the Public, whose past favours he has so liberally shared, and which he begs leave most sincerely to acknowledge, every article, it may be depended on, will be sold for the very lowest prices at which they can possibly be afforded in this country.

## JAMES DEWAR,

Opposite BRIDGE STREET, EDINBURGH,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the Public, that his Assortment of WOOLLEN DRAPERY and MENS MERCERY GOODS, also HATS, STOCKINGS, &c. are now all come to hand. He hopes, on inspection, they will be approved of in point of Excellence, Fashion, and Colours, being entirely new, and selected by himself from the first markets; some of which, he takes the liberty of saying, can be had no where else in town.

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TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th January 1783, betwixt the hours of five and six in the afternoon:

The following SUBJECTS, lying within the City of Edinburgh:

1. A TENEMENT in Well Bow, possessed by Mrs Watson, Marion Lithgow, Thomas Gillespie, and Widow Morton, at the yearly rent of 7l. 3s. Sterling.

2. A TENEMENT in Todrick's Wynd, possessed by Mr Cameron engraver, Duncan Menzies, James Ruffel, and James Cockburn, at the yearly rent of 14l. 8s. Sterling.

These Subjects will be exposed jointly or in lots.—The titles are in the hands of Walter Scott writer to the signet, to whom any persons intending to purchase by private bargain may apply, and the tenants will show the Subjects.

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Prepared and sold by T. GREENOUGH, Chymist and Apothecary, at No. 10. on Ludgate Hill, London.

Price, 1 s. the Box.

THESE LOZENGES contain all the softening and healing Virtues of the celebrated BALSAM OF TOLU; and are the pleasantest and most efficacious remedy of the kind in all Coughs, Hoarsenesses, sore Throats, and Disruptions on the Lungs, healing the Rawness and Soreness of the breast, promoting the Expectoration of the Tough Phlegm, and affording great relief in Asthmatic Complaints and Shortness of Breath. They are likewise very beneficial in Consumptions, are not cloying to the stomach, but rather create an appetite.

The great esteem these Lozenges have acquired, having induced several persons to attempt the selling a counterfeit sort, against two of whom, viz. one a Chymist on Ludgate Hill, and the other a Chymist in Oxford Street, verdicts have been obtained, in the Court of King's Bench, with considerable damages. The Public are requested to observe, that none are genuine but what have the following Inscription on the Lid of the Box: PECTORAL LOZENGES FROM BALSAM OF TOLU, prepared by T. GREENOUGH, Chymist and Apothecary, No. 10. on Ludgate Hill, LONDON.

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The Tincture for the Toothach never fails giving immediate ease, even in the greatest agony of pain, and in a little time perfectly cures it, however violent. Price, 1 s. each.

Each Bottle of the genuine Tinctures have a label on the side, with the words (PREPARED BY THOMAS GREENOUGH) for which only he can be answerable, all others, even though sold under his name, being spurious.



From the LONDON GAZETTE, Jan. 11.

Whitehall, January 8.

THE King has been pleased to confer the honour of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, upon the Right Hon. George Augustus Elliott, General of his Majesty's forces, and Governor of Gibraltar.

Whitehall, January 11.

The King has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Grey, Knight of the Bath, to be General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in North America, lying upon the Atlantic ocean, in the room of Sir Guy Carleton, Knight of the Bath.

#### INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Jan. 10.

The Hornet, Kimber, has taken and brought into Bristol, the Treis Sours, of 400 tons, bound from St Domingo to France; she was first taken by the Sally, Capt. Langdon, of Bristol, afterwards retaken by an American privateer, and on the 25th ult. taken by the Hornet.

The Providence, Thomas, from Portsmouth to Liverpool, was taken the 12th ult. and carried into Brest.

The Resolution, Snow, and Enterprize, Goffelin, sailed on the 2d of September, from Guernsey for Newfoundland, and have not since been heard of.

The Commerce, Jenkins, from Pool arrived at Newfoundland the 25th of November; the rest of the fleet under convoy of the Crocodile, got on the coast together, and are supposed to be all arrived.

The St Anna, a Ragoulen ship, Capt. Covicov, from Offend to Cadix, and Scirelle, run on shore on the Goodwin Sands, is since put into Ramsgate, and mult unladen to repair.

The Salisbury, Stupert, from London to Jamaica, struck on a sand bank in Erith Reach, going down the river, and bulged, and is filled with water.

The St Joachim St Anne, Captain Francis Bourgeois, from St Michael's for London, with oranges, is put into Portsmouth in great distress.

The Trelawny, Moore, from Jamaica and Plymouth, to London, is taken and carried into Calais.

The Torbay, Matthews, from Charles-Town and St Augusting to London, is taken and carried into a port by an American privateer.

From the London Papers, Jan. 11.

#### L O N D O N.

Yesterday, Captain Keith Elphinstone, late of the Cambridge man of war, killed the King's hand on his appointment to the Carnatic, a new 74 gun ship, presented by the East-India Company to Government.

The Duke of Cumberland packet is arrived at Falmouth from New-York, after a short passage of 21 days. Some time before the packet sailed, Lord Hood had left Sandy Hook, and it was supposed would proceed to join Admiral Pigot in the West-Indies, a vessel having arrived at New-York which met him steering that way. The French fleet remained at Boston and Portsmouth, without showing the least disposition to leave those places; and the American and French troops were gone into winter quarters. The Vigilant armed ship arrived from Charlestown on the 1st of December at the Hook, and brought word of an attack made by a considerable body of the Americans, on a small foraging party of the English, in which the latter repulsed them with great loss. Captain Windsor, of the Fox frigate, had brought a number of empty transports to Carolina under his convoy, to take off the remainder of the troops from Charlestown, which was expected to take place the latter end of November. The American papers say it was done on the 25th; but it was not known at New-York on the 11th of December. A considerable fleet was to sail from Carolina on the 22d of November for England, under convoy of the Ad-

The Assurance man of war of 44 guns, Captain Gwinney, has taken a large new ship, mounting 22 nine-pounders, with 22,000 dollars on board, on her passage from Virginia to Maryland, and carried her into New-York.

The Cerberus man of war, with her convoy, is arrived at New-York, and on her passage took two Spanish polacres, laden with sugar, and some dollars.

They had a terrible thunder storm in New England in the month of November last, which did a great deal of mischief, and much damaged a French 74 gun ship at Portsmouth, splitting her fore-mast in two, throwing two guns overboard, and killing five men, and wounding thirteen.

We are sorry to hear, from good authority, that the Americans have begun to wreck their resentment on some unhappy Loyalists, who fell into their hands in the Northern provinces.

The following unhappy Loyalists were executed on Friday, the 13th December, (under pretence of High Treason) at Monmouth, in New Jersey, viz. Ezekiel Telton, John Oakerfon, and Peter Caton. The two following were condemned to be executed with the other three unhappy men, but were reprieved till further orders, viz. James Fisher, and Judah Lippencott.

We have made enquiry whether the last mentioned person is the famous Captain Lippencott, for whose conduct Captain Agill was confined; but, though we have not ascertained the fact, one way or the other, those who pretend to be the best informed on the subject, say it is, and that he was given up before Captain Agill was released; but that the Generals Carleton, and Washington, have agreed he shall not suffer capitally, but have only a temporary imprisonment.

This morning some dispatches were received from Jersey, giving an account of three large French prizes being taken, and sent in there, by their privateers, which are valued at 10,000 l. each.

Yesterday morning early a messenger was sent off express to France, and another to Madrid, with the result of the Council held on Thursday night, at Lord Grantham's house, in Privy-garden.

According to private advices from Germany, the Russian court has been given to understand, that the Emperor will not be a quiet spectator, of any alteration that may be made in the pacific system at present subsisting between the neutral powers.

The French minister at Vienna has been busily employed for some time in promoting a provisional alliance with the Emperor, in case Russia and Prussia should take an active part in favour of Great-Britain.

A correspondent observes, that if there was reason for the stocks rising to the height they were ten days or a fortnight ago, there is no ground, from any intelligence arrived as yet from the continent, for their falling at all, much less for their sinking at the rate they have done this last week. Suffice alone can be no reason for saying, that the negotiations are at an end, and hostilities to be renewed.

The variation in the funds ought not to be considered as a certain proof that the negotiations at Paris are broken off. When we think for a few minutes of the many different circumstances by which the funds are affected, and the arts that are practised to lower and raise them occasionally, we ought not to consider the fall of this week as an indication that a rub has come in the way, by which we are to continue hostilities, and incur the expence of another campaign.

The various applications that are daily made to the Ministers by Members of Parliament to know what they shall say to their constituents, with respect to the present state of the negotiations with the belligerent powers, have all been treated with attention; but not one of them has received any other answer than this, that the King's ministers are doing their utmost to bring about an honourable and fair peace; and they are in hopes that it will be speedily accomplished.

In a letter, written by one of the American Commissioners at Paris, to a gentleman high in office, is the following remarkable expression: "In private life a liberal confidence becomes a man's good nature, perhaps, rather than his understanding; but in public, between States, I confess to you I am all doubt—all suspicion. In the present instance, I suspect all I have done. I suspect France will not allow us Independence. Nay, I suspect that the Congress suspect it. A little time will shew."

"All hands aloft!" is the word at the Navy office. The most extensive preparations are making in every part of that department, and the report there is, according to the best authority, that Lord Howe is again to sail without delay.

The exertions in the several dock-yards are as vigorous as if we were only at the commencement of a war. Lord Howe's ship, the Victory of 100 guns, is refitting at Portsmouth with the greatest dispatch.

Yesterday the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty acquainted the West India merchants, that, in compliance with their request, the Commanders in Chief of his Majesty's ships stationed at Jamaica will have instructions from their Lordships to dispatch the last summer convoy from that island for Europe on the 10th of July in every year, instead of the 1st of August.

The above is certainly a very commendable alteration, as there is no doubt but the dreadful disaster, which happened to the last Jamaica fleet was occasioned by the convoy failing so late from the island.

They write from Barbadoes, that an epidemical distemper has for some time raged at New Orleans, which had carried off part of the Spanish garrison, and proved particularly fatal to the Negroes.

In the period from the meeting of Parliament to the Easter-Holidays, there will be a great deal of business in the House of Commons. The following important matters stand before them, of which we have intimation already:

The question of a reform in the representation of the people in Parliament, to be agitated by Mr Chancellor Pitt.

The settlement of the constitution of Ireland, by a solemn renunciation of supremacy, instead of a simple repeal of the Declaratory law, to be agitated by Ministers; and if not, by Lord Beauchamp.

The question of the Militia for the kingdom of Scotland, and of the abolition of fictitious votes in the election of Knights of the Shire, to be agitated by the Marquis of Graham.

The settlement of the constitution of our territories in the East Indies, and the prosecution of the several offenders against whom processes are raised, to be agitated by the Lord Advocate for Scotland.

To consider of the Preliminary Articles for a General Peace, the Provisional Articles, and all the important objects which must be embraced in the settlement of the Peace, to be agitated by men of all parties.

The Bill of reform for the sale of the Crown Lands, and the other matters yet remaining unaccomplished in Mr Burke's extensive scheme, by Mr Burke.

The Bill of reform for the sale of the Crown Lands, including those recommended by the Commissioners of Accounts; and also the settlement of the measures which have been taken by Mr Gilbert in carrying into execution the reforms of the last session, by Mr Chancellor Pitt.

To make a new and comprehensive system of Corn Laws, by which provision may be made for every future exigency, by the country Gentlemen.

The Marriage Bill, to be revived by Mr Fox.

An enquiry into the state of the Gold Coin, and to put the Mint on a new establishment, by Lord Mahon.

The further consideration of Supplies, and Ways and Means, including the Loan, Taxes, &c. for every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the session, by the respective officers.

To bring before the House the state of the unfunded debt, and provide for the same, by Mr Chancellor Pitt.

An enquiry into the state of the National Debt, and to contrive some plan by which it might be put into a regular course of payment, by Mr Chancellor Pitt.

If the prizes taken by Lord Rodney have met with a hard fate, the fleet that went to Gibraltar under Lord Howe, was amazingly fortunate; the ships that composed it returned safe to port, in the most dangerous season of the year, without having experienced any calamity whatever in the Channel. That this was a lucky escape will appear from what befel a fleet of 60 sail in the year 1691, under the command of Admirals Ruffel, Killigrew, Ashby, Delaval, Rooke, and Shovel, (English) and the Dutch Admirals Almonde, Vandepute, Callemburg, and Everzen; of the ships in the above fleet of sixty sail, only one was superior to a modern third rate. They were in soundings the 2d of September, and met with so violent a storm, that all which could possibly be done for the preservation of the fleet, was to bear up for so dangerous a port as Plymouth; and what from the violence of the wind, and the haziness of the weather, the ships were so confusedly scattered, that the greatest part of them could not be seen, when the Admiral came to anchor in the Sound; but when it grew clearer, a second rate, which proved to be the *Coronation*, was discovered at anchor off the Ram-head, without any thing standing but the ensign staff, and soon after she foundered, her commander, Captain Skelton, together with her company, except a very inconsiderable number, being lost. Many of the biggest ships could not weather the easternmost part of land at the entrance into Plymouth Sound; and were therefore obliged to look for shelter there, but did not find it; for the *Harwich*, a third rate, ran on shore and bulged, near Mount Edgcombe house; and the Royal Oak and Northumberland tailed on the ground, though they were afterwards luckily got off. A great Dutch ship was seen at anchor above five leagues in the offing, with all her masts gone; and several there were that very narrowly escaped the dangers of the Eddystone; but scarce one of those that escaped destruction had a mast standing when they arrived at anchor.

William Shotton, late servant to John Ellis, Esq; of St Mary's, Jamaica, who took his passage from that island in the month of July last, for London, on board the British Queen, Captain Hodge, relates the following melancholy tale: That they sailed from Jamaica on the 25th of July, under convoy of the Ramillies; that his said master, together with his wife and

two nieces, two boys, his wards, and four servants, were on board; that they met with nothing particular on their passage till the 17th of September, when, at three o'clock in the morning, in lat. 42. there came on a violent gale of wind, accompanied with a swelling sea, which strained the ship almost to a wreck, and caused her to make so much water, that the pumps were obliged to be kept incessantly going. At three o'clock in the afternoon it laid the ship on her beam ends, and carried away her mizzen mast, with various other things, off the deck, and at the same instant washed the said William Shotton overboard, and likewise his wife, who then happened to have fast hold of his clothes; but having both got hold of the wreck, and entangled themselves with the ropes, they floated in this situation near two days, and were then providentially taken up by the ship Catharine, Captain M'Leay, bound from Cork to New York. They were afterwards taken by an American privateer, and carried to the Havannah, from whence they obtained a passage to Philadelphia, and from that place to New York, where he embarked on board the *Minerva*, Capt. M'A-dams, which is arrived at Portsmouth. Whilst they remained on the wreck, he frequently saw the ship on her beam ends; but being much exhausted, and struck with heavy seas, the ship disappeared to him, so that he cannot say for certain whether she righted or sunk, but is inclined to believe, from her distressed state, and having six feet water in the hold, she must have inevitably sunk. He could not learn any thing of her from the Catharine's people after he was recovered. He further adds, that he saw several ships founder during the gale, but could not learn their names.

#### EXCHANGES, LONDON WITH HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, 35 10.  
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#### WIND AT DEAL.

Jan. 10. S. W.

#### PRICE OF STOCKS, JAN. 11.

Bank Stock, —	3 per cent. Old Ann. —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 77 1/2	Ditto New Ann. shut.
3 per cent. con. shut. 61 1/2 a 1/2	Ditto 1751, shut.
ex div.	India Stock, shut.
3 per cent. red. 62.	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. 1726, shut.	India Bonds —
Long Ann. shut. 18 3-16ths a 1/2	Exch. Bills, 13 diff.
ex div.	Navy Bills, 13 1/2 a 1/2 diff.
Short Ann. 1778, shut. 12 13-16ths	3 per cent. Scip. —
a 13 ex div.	Omnium, —
South Sea Stock, shut.	Prizes, 1 1/2 diff.

#### EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, January 11.

"We hear that a squadron of ships are to cruise in the Channel all the remaining part of the winter, and that provision is to be made for having a grand fleet at sea much earlier than it was last spring, in case it should be found as necessary as it was the last summer.

"The late treaty of friendship that has been concluded between the Danes and the Swedes, tends wholly to the preservation of the peace in the north; for which purpose the two Crowns are to unite, first, their good offices, and afterwards their force, if it shall be found necessary; but as they lie in the same degree of north latitude, we don't hear that either of them has engaged to pay a yearly subsidy to the other.

"By private intelligence from Holland, we hear, that eleven fine rich ships will sail early next month from thence for the East Indies.

"We have an account from Hanover, that some Prussian soldiers having deserted, and fled into that country for refuge, their pursuers followed them into his Majesty's territories, and took them away by force. It is feared this act of insolence will anew embroil the two Courts; for such an insult upon the Electorate of Hanover cannot be received with impunity.

"There was a report current yesterday at the west end of the town, that war was at last to be the consequence of the present negotiation.

"We hear that a scheme is concerting for raising a sum of 100,000 l. by subscription, for discounting bills of exchange, inland bills, notes of hand, &c. at five per cent. per annum; That the management of this affair will be put into the hands of some of the most eminent merchants of this city; and that such bills, &c. only will be discounted, of which the drawer, acceptor, or indorsee, shall be known to some of these gentlemen, or their officers. The success of this scheme is much doubted; but it is generally concluded, that if no public loans were created for the employment of people's money, private men of any tolerable credit would easily obtain money to borrow at a yearly interest of five per cent. and then there would be no use for such schemes.

"From the unexpected rise of stocks yesterday, the citizens were all presumption that a peace was actually ratified. Several of the most opulent were seen in the afternoon rying into the Coffee-houses about St James's, to know what were the terms. But on hearing that no ratification had actually arrived, they returned to the City, with all that fullness which marks the disappointment of a city-bred man of business.

"General Dalling has sent a letter to a friend in town, informing him, that he shall not be in town before Wednesday, on account of some family concern, which he and his brother has to settle previous to his departure.

"The Americans declare, that to enter into a separate peace with Great Britain, is not only impossible, but would be highly impolitic. They say, that it would not be consistent with that honour they should preserve, and the character they have to establish. Such is the language of America at this day! Who will say what may be seen by the present age?

"A letter from Paris, dated December 31. has the following article: "Our squadron at Brest are not yet difarmed, although it is pretended that orders were sent off yesterday. But this report I attribute to be one of those political fancies, that may be more necessary than authentic. However, should it be actually done, I shall not be the more confident of a peace being concluded; for it may be merely a feint, which cannot produce the least inconvenience to the equipment of a fleet if necessary, since the Minister of the marine can, upon any occasion, arm and man these ships again with a dash. "only of the pen, without returning one of the same men; all the sailors in France being registered in classes, and serve in their turns."

Monday last, the Lady of John M'Leod, Esq; of Colbeck, was safely delivered of a daughter at his house in Inveresk.

Upon the 5th current, Mrs M'Leod of Geanies was safely delivered of a son at her house in Ross-shire.

We hear from undoubted authority, that Captain John Bell of the Marines, was one of the unfortunate sufferers, when his Majesty's ship Centaur foundered at sea, on her passage from



to Britain. He was severely wounded on board the  
able, when Lord Rodney defeated the French upon the  
April, and was coming home for the re-establishment  
health.  
erday, was determined, by the Court of Session, a cause  
the Matter Tailors in this county, and the body of  
men: of which, as it regards a material branch of po-  
men: detail may not be unacceptable to the Public:—  
back as the year 1760, the Magistrates of Edinburgh  
regulation, fixing the wages of a Journeyman Tailor at  
not exceeding one shilling per day, obliging them to  
that rate, and declaring that, if they refused, they  
be punished in terms of law. This regulation was ap-  
of by the Court of Session, on discharging an advocacy  
Journymen. The Matter Tailors also made regula-  
their respective corporations, prohibiting any of their  
under a penalty, from giving higher wages; and  
likewise obtained a regulation of the Sheriff to the same  
It having been found, however, that this branch of po-  
did not fall under the Sheriff's jurisdiction, the Matter  
in 1777, procured a complete set of regulations to the  
effect, from the Justices of the Peace, after a long and vi-  
opposition by the Journymen, who having brought the  
into the Court of Session by suspension, in which they  
complained, that a shilling a-day was too low a rate of  
the Court, in July 1778, repelled the reasons of sus-  
on, without prejudice to the Journymen to apply to the  
es of Peace, when they could show cause why any propo-  
sitions or alterations, in the present regulations,  
to be made. The day after this judgment, the  
neyman applied to the Justices to have their wages rais-  
fifteen pence a day; but, after much litigation, and a  
proof, and the report of a respectable committee to whom  
matter was remitted, the Justices adhered to their former  
lutions; and the Journymen once more brought the mat-  
into the Court of Session; when, after a great deal more li-  
tion, in which the Journymen insisted, that either their  
es should be fixed at fifteen pence, or that the Masters  
ld be obliged, when required, to employ them in piece-  
at certain rates, the cause was yesterday reported to  
Court by Lord Stonefield, when their Lordships unani-  
ly decided it in favour of the Matter Tailors; in conse-  
quence of which, the regulations of the Justices stand affirmed  
all points.—The counsel for the Journymen were, Mr  
orge Ferguson and Mr William-Charles Little; for the  
alters, the Honourable Henry Erskine.  
We hear from Montrose, that, on Monday, there was a  
eting of the principal gentlemen in that town and neigh-  
hood, subscribers to the plan of erecting a bridge over  
whet. They unanimously agreed to erect the bridge at  
ford of Dun. From the resolutions of the meeting, there  
no doubt but the undertaking will be carried on with spirit.  
half the money required is already subscribed, and is ordered  
be paid up against Whitunday. The difficulty, delay, and  
nger of passing the river at Ferryden will be effectually re-  
oved, and the course of travellers along the coast rendered  
re expeditious.  
On Friday last, there was a ball at Culrois, for the benefit  
indigent and distressed persons; as the company was nume-  
ous and genteel, a considerable sum was raised, which is now  
istributing among the proper objects of charity. An example  
worthy of imitation.  
We are happy to hear, that the Directors of the Royal  
Bank, have this day made offer to the Magistrates and Town  
Council, of 5000*l.* Sterling, free of interest for twelve months,  
for the purpose of purchasing corn, to be imported into the port  
of Leith from England, and from foreign parts, for the relief  
of the poor.

*Extract of a letter from Stirling, Jan. 13.*  
“This day, the Bank of Scotland's agent here waited on  
the Magistrates and Town Council, and intimated to them, by  
the desire of the Directors of that Bank, an offer of one thou-  
sand pounds sterling, free of interest for twelve months, to pur-  
chase corn and meal for the poorer sort of inhabitants of this  
burgh, which generous offer was unanimously accepted of.”

*Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, Jan. 13.*  
“Messrs. Leys and Smyth, agents for the Bank of Scotland  
in this place, waited on the Magistrates on Saturday last, by  
order of the Court of Directors of that Bank, and in their name  
made offer of the use of 3000*l.* Sterling for twelve months, free  
of interest, to be employed by the Magistrates in providing  
corn for the relief of the poor in New and Old Aberdeen.”

*Extract of a letter from Dublin, Jan. 10.*  
“It was yesterday reported here, on the authority, it is  
said, of a letter from Henry Fletcher, Esq; one of the East-Ind-  
ia Directors in London, dated the 3d inst. that the garrison  
of Trincomalee, in the island of Ceylon, had been transported in  
July last, by Admiral Hughes to Madras, as a reinforcement  
to Sir Eyre Coote; in consequence of which, Suffrein had tak-  
en possession of the town and harbour, and garrisoned the first  
with five companies of marines. This letter mentions nothing  
of the catastrophe recited in the Brussels Gazette to have be-  
fallen the British army in the Peninsula.”

*Extract of a letter from Cork, Jan. 6.*  
“This morning, the four deserters under sentence of death,  
were taken from the main-guard, by a detachment from the 4th  
and 11th regiments, to the barracks, from which they were ef-  
fected to the place of execution, by all the army in this city;  
when after one Dwyer, a notorious offender was shot, the o-  
ther three were remanded back, their sentence being changed  
from shooting to whipping.”

*To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.*  
SIR,  
IN justice to my fellow-citizens, I beg the following facts  
may be laid before the Public, through the channel of your  
useful publication, from which every person, in a similar situa-  
tion may draw an inference.  
A certain proprietor of burgh tenements in this city, in the  
year 1781, granted an heritable bond over his subjects in secu-  
rity of a very considerable sum of money, upon which the hold-  
er of the bond did not then obtain himself infest.  
The same proprietor, a few days ago, granted another bond  
over the same subjects to several other persons for another sum  
of money. Upon this last bond, we are informed, these persons  
have obtained themselves first infest, whereby the holder of  
the first bond will probably lose his money.  
May not something similar, Mr Printer, happen to many  
proprietors who have actually purchased and paid a price?

CIVIS.

*To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.*  
SIR,  
AT a time when every person is endeavouring, in as far as  
lies in his power, to alleviate the distresses which this  
seeming season of scarcity appears to be hanging over the poorer  
and poorer class of the inhabitants of this country, I also will  
endeavour, by a few arguments, to save them in a way, which  
should it take effect, I will be bold to say, will relieve the dis-  
tresses of thousands, who, because they cannot find work, have  
not wherewith to purchase those necessities of life, which are  
at present sold at such a high rate, and are entirely out of their  
reach, and who must, therefore, of consequence, be entirely  
dependent upon private support, or upon those public collections  
which have been so liberally made for their behoof. The meth-  
od I am going to propose, Sir, is different from most of those  
which have been yet given to the Public through the channel  
of your paper, and will be likewise of a double advantage to the  
rich as well as the poor, as it will keep a great deal of money  
in the country, and in their own pockets, instead of en-  
riching our neighbours with it. You will remember, Sir, that  
some time ago, I took occasion to say a few words to my coun-  
trymen, through the channel of your paper, upon the wearing  
of the manufactures of their country, and which I was led to  
do upon seeing a resolution of the Antiquarian Society to that  
purpose. I will now be allowed to say a few words to the fair  
sex, upon the same topic, and endeavour to convince them, that  
they will, by bringing their own country's manufactures more  
into use, not only give bread to thousands who are presently  
laid idle, but will also save money to themselves by so doing.  
As I gave you the reason that led me to write you upon that  
subject, when I last addressed you upon it, I will just now like-  
wise inform you, that I was led to turn my thoughts that way  
at present, by seeing some young ladies dressed in *tan gowns*  
and *cloaks*, which, to my taste, when well manufactured, and  
of a proper fineness, look very beautiful indeed. I was not in  
being half a century ago; but I have been frequently told, that  
all the ladies at, or about, that time, appeared constantly dressed  
in tartan gowns and *filken plaids*; and that dress, in these days,  
was always very much admired. It has been ever the mode  
for the gentlemen in this country to copy the ladies in their de-  
portment; and of late I see it has been constantly done with re-  
spect to the dress. Let the fair ones, therefore, now, in their  
turn, for once copy the fashion which the men have lately  
brought in, and resolve with one accord to be *Caledonian* in  
dress, as well as, in other respects, they have of late imitated  
them. I am sure, when one thinks upon the vast acquisition  
of wealth it would be to this country, that its inhabitants should  
more generally wear its own manufactures, I would imagine  
that nothing further would need to be said in order fully to es-  
tablish it: But when the additional circumstance of giving  
work to many industrious inhabitants, thousands of whom  
would be thereby put in a most comfortable way of life, is tak-  
en into consideration, it would seem presumptuous in any per-  
son, and a strong reflection upon the understanding of my fair  
countrywomen, for one moment to suppose that it will not be  
adopted. I will venture to say, that our manufacturers will  
produce as fine webs as any one would wish to see; and, if  
they be only a little encouraged, I am told they will be able to  
make tartans of worsted, as fine as any of those beautiful pieces  
of wearing apparel called *Irish poplins*. What, then, is there  
that should make us suppose that the ladies will not immedi-  
ately adopt it, and follow the patterns of their ancestors? It will  
keep vast sums of money in the country, which are usually  
sent out of it for purchasing black cloaks, and silks for gowns,  
&c. and I will venture to say, that every person will not only  
think that wear beautiful and becoming, but it will also make  
the wearers appear doubly beautiful in the eyes of their admi-  
rers; and by keeping such vast sums of money in the country,  
I think it will also have this other good effect, that if ever a sea-  
son like this last one should happen again, it will be very pro-  
bable that the prices of vivres will never rise to the enormous  
price at which they are at present sold; so that, in every view  
of the case, I cannot have a doubt but that the example of those  
ladies will be followed by all their countrywomen, especially  
when their own good sense dictates to them the propriety of  
the thing, which, I hope, will appear to them in the same light  
it does to, Sir,

Your humble servant and correspondent,  
SCOTUS.

*Jan. 7. 1783.*  
ZENO'S FOURTH LETTER to the CITIZENS OF EDINBURGH is receiv-  
ed, and shall appear first opportunity.  
THEY came to hand too late for insertion in this night's paper, but shall  
have a place in our next.  
We must crave indulgence from a number of little correspondents, whose  
favours shall be attended to as soon as possible.

**LEITH SHIPPING**  
ARRIVED.  
Jan. 14. George and Mary, Shildrake, from Wells, with wheat &c.  
15. Diligence, Shaw, from London, with goods.  
Felicity, Cook, from Lynn, with wheat, barley, and pease.  
Active, Riches, from ditto, with ditto.  
Endeavour, Leid, from ditto, with barley.  
Pitroim, English, from Culrois, with cinders.  
SAILED.  
Friendship, Milne, for Aberdeen, with goods.  
William and John, Hunter, for Hull, with ditto.  
Betsey, Henderson, for Newcastle, with ditto.  
Friendship, Watson, for Hull, in ballast.  
Jean, Barr, for Alenmouth, with iron.

**GREENOCK SHIPPING**  
ARRIVED.  
Jan. 10. Jean, McKellar, from the Highlands, with herrings.  
11. Jeanie, Kinnear, from Lisbon, with salt, wine, &c.  
Two Busses from the Bus-fishing, with herrings.  
13. The Cumbræ cutter, Captain Crawford, from a cruise.

**SIGNORA CORRI'S NIGHT**  
WILL be on TUESDAY the 21st current, at ST CECILIA'S  
HALL.  
EXCISE OFFICE, EDINBURGH, January 14. 1783.  
By order of the Hon. COMMISSIONERS OF EXCISE.  
THERE is to be exposed to SALE by public auction at Ayr, on Fri-  
day the 31st current,  
374 Gallons FOREIGN BRANDY.  
30 Gallons ditto RUM.  
30 Gallons ditto GENEVA.

**MEETING OF CREDITORS.**  
A MEETING of the Creditors of the Honourable ROBERT AR-  
BUTHNOT, and JOHN ARBUTHNOT, is to be held within  
the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th Janu-  
ary current, at one o'clock afternoon, in order to take into considera-  
tion the state of their affairs, and a plan to be proposed for the satisfac-  
tion of the Creditors, who, it is hoped, will therefore attend by them-  
selves or their deors properly authorized.  
In the mean time, notes of their debts may be sent to Thomas Mac-  
donald clerk to the signet.

**WHEREAS** a Subscription has been opened for the humane and li-  
beral purpose of erecting a decent and commodious School in the  
Town of Gartmore, near the populous towns of Mitten, Buchlyvie, and  
Drymen, and in the vicinity of a large fertile country, for teaching and  
improving the youth, in these bounds, on a new and liberal plan; and  
as a Master is wanted at the term of Whitunday first, failed proposals  
shall be received by Robert Graham of Gartmore, Esq; the Rev. Mr.  
James Munro, minister of the gospel at Aberfoyle, and James Baird,  
junr. accountant in Edinburgh, from such gentlemen of a liberal educa-  
tion who can produce sufficient evidence of their abilities and moral cha-  
racter. And a meeting is to be held in the Town of Gartmore on the  
last Wednesday of April next, when the different candidates shall be ex-  
amined, in the most impartial manner, on their abilities, knowledge, and  
capacity for teaching the English, French, and Latin languages; Draw-  
ing, and Music, vocal and instrumental, Writing, Arithmetick, Book-  
keeping, Navigation, Land-surveying, and Mathematics.  
Sealed offers, and specimens of their abilities shall be received by any  
of the Gentlemen above named, betwixt and the day of trial. A gentle  
salary, and a good house and garden, will be given, besides perquisites.  
*To hoc signo vinces.*

**Premiums on Linfeed saved for fowling.**  
*Trustees office, Edinburgh, 15th January 1783.*  
THE Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and  
Improvements in Scotland, do hereby give notice, That agreeable  
to their Advertisement of the 6th March 1782, the competitors for the  
Flax-premiums, who have Linfeed for fowling, were allowed until the  
15th of February 1783, for making intimations of their quantities; yet  
the Board finds it necessary to request these competitors to lodge their  
intimations on or before the 1st of February next, that the Board's offi-  
cers may have full opportunity of examining the quality of the Linfeed.  
By order of the Board,  
ROBT. ARBUTHNOT, Secretary.

*Selkirk, Jan. 8. 1783.*  
AT a Meeting of the Freeholders of the county of Selkirk, held here  
this day, Mr SCOTT of Gala Prefes.  
THE Meeting having taken into consideration the heads of two bills  
for the amending the Election Laws in Scotland, are of opinion,  
that the present mode of Freehold Qualifications, by splitting large  
estates into different superiorities is a grievance to the freeholders of  
Scotland that calls aloud for redress, as not only being contrary to the  
ancient constitution of the country, but also to the spirit and intention  
of the last act of Parliament; and they therefore desire their Prefes  
to write to their representative in Parliament to beg that he will give his  
support to any proper bill that may be brought before the House of  
Commons for rectifying that abuse; and nominate Mr Plummer of Mid-  
dlehead, and the Prefes, a Committee to meet with the Committee  
from other counties at Edinburgh upon this business.  
Extracted from the Minutes of the Freeholders, by  
JOHN LANG, Clerk.

*By order of the Magistrates of Leith.*  
WHEREAS the Inhabitants of Leith have contributed very libe-  
rally for the support of their own Poor during the present sea-  
son, the Magistrates think it the more necessary at this time to put the  
laws strictly in execution against Vagrants and Beggars, with which the  
Town has been much infected for some time past; they therefore give  
this public Intimation, that all persons found begging within the Town  
after Wednesday the 13th January 1783, will be taken up, and put into  
confinement.  
It is expected that none of the Inhabitants will encourage Beggars, by  
giving them any thing on the Streets, and that they will not suffer any  
thing to be given them at their houses, (excepting to the poor of the pa-  
rish, who are supplied with badges from the session.  
The Magistrates recommend it to all the Inhabitants, to aid and assist  
the town officers, and other persons, in apprehending and confining the  
Vagrants and Beggars.

*Haddington, Jan. 9. 1783.*  
THE Noblemen, Freeholders, and Heritors of the county of East  
Lothian met here this day, having taken the present state of the  
last crop under their consideration, are of opinion,  
1. That the apprehension and alarm of a famine has been much too  
great, and more universally propagated than there is any just cause for.  
2. That the subscriptions for the relief of the poor, which have for  
their object only to buy grain in one corner of the country, to store it up  
in another, however humane and benevolent the intention of the sub-  
scribers may have been, is a hurtful measure.  
Because, 1st. It does not increase the quantity of food in the country.  
2d. If there is a real scarcity, it tends only to feed one parish, and  
to starve another; and if carried to its full extent, would prevent any  
grain from being brought to market.  
3d. It has had the immediate effect of raising the price of grain over  
the whole country.  
4th. If there happens to be any quantity of grain in one corner of a  
country to spare, it will gradually find its way to the most distressed pla-  
ces, as their wants require it, and by this natural circulation, the price  
will not be enhanced by the fear of want upon the one hand, and the  
hope of a still higher price upon the other, if kept back from the mar-  
ket a few weeks longer.  
5th. That if this is done, there will be no real scarcity in the coun-  
try; but, as the price has already rose to a height beyond the power of  
manufacturers and day-labourers, who may have numerous families; to  
maintain them by the ordinary price of their labour; that an occa-  
sional supply in money should be given weekly to such families to enable  
them to purchase meal at the current rate of the market.  
6th. That the fear of dearth now so universally prevailing may in-  
crease the price in summer still higher than it is at present, especially if  
the ensuing harvest shall appear to be late; that an effectual remedy for  
this danger is, to plant potatoes very early in the season; and, if every  
person who occupies a plough-gate of land in this county will take only  
half an acre of his lightest ground, in good order, and will dung it at  
the rate of twenty cart loads of dung, and plant his potatoes as early  
as the season will permit, it will bring to market, by the beginning of  
July, a supply of 20000 bolls of potatoes for this county, at the mo-  
derate computation of only 20 bolls from each acre.—This quantity  
will afford a large addition to the food of the inhabitants, and being  
dispersed over the whole county, every different market will have a suf-  
ficient supply, without either the trouble or expence of a long carriage;  
and it will not only make the demand for meal much less, but will pre-  
vent the holders of that meal from demanding an exorbitant price.  
7th. That sowing the early white pease, usually sown by most of the  
farmers in England, will afford a very considerable relief, as this species  
of pease will be ready for market in July, if sown as early as the season  
will permit.  
This mode of providing against any fear of scarcity, appears to the  
Meeting not only more easy, but more certain, because it is absolutely  
within our own power, than to trust to importation alone, which is ex-  
posed not only to sea hazard, but to a prohibition of exportation in the  
state from whence the supply is expected; and besides, the relief from  
importation must be at the best but local and partial, as it cannot reach  
the interior part of the country, where it will be most wanted, without a  
very heavy expence of carriage.

The farmers who adopt this plan, will also be considerable gainers;  
for they will not only get a good ready-money price for their produce at  
a very early period in the year, but their ground will be ready for a late  
crop of turnip that summer, or highly prepared for wheat: And if they  
sell their potatoes at 9*d.* per peck, they get 1*l.* 12 for the acre; even if it  
produce only 25 bolls. And although the Meeting does not mean by this  
to discourage importation, they recommend this plan as an additional aid  
to the consideration of parochial meetings.  
ALEX. FRASER, Clerk.

**The Edinburgh and Dumfries Diligence**  
IS now removed from Mr JOHN CAMERON'S, White Hart Inn, Grass-  
Market, to WILLIAM WALLACE'S, George Inn, Bliff's Port, and  
continues to set out on the Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at four  
o'clock in the morning as usual, and from Mr CLINT'S, King's Arms  
Inn, Dumfries, at the same hour. Each passenger to pay 1*l.* Sterling,  
and to be allowed 18 lib. of baggage; all above to pay three-halfpence  
per lib. Good conveyance for Boxes, Parcels, &c. which will be deli-  
vered immediately on the arrival of the Diligence.  
N. B. The Proprietor will not be accountable for any goods or pa-  
rcels sent by the Diligence above 5*l.* Sterling.



## HOUSES IN ADAM'S SQUARE, TO LET OR SELL.

TO BE LET, or SOLD, and may be entered to at Whitunday first, these two HOUSES on the north side of Adam's Square, Edinburgh, presently possessed by John M'Lauro, Esq; advocate, consisting of dining room, drawing room, eleven bed chambers, kitchen, servants hall, cellars, and a number of other conveniences.

The Houses are presently possessed as one, but may be let separately, having different entrances from the Court in Adam's Square:—they are well situated for a family, in the boarding line, being near the College, to which they have a right of passage by the gate at the head of the Square. They will be shown on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from eleven forenoon to two afternoon.

For particulars apply to William Finlayson writer in Edinburgh.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 31st January current, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

**That HOUSE in Carrubber's Close, possessed by Mr Elphinstone advocate,** being the fourth storey of the north part of that new apartment called *Foggo's Land*, with the flat above the same, to which there is a communication within the house; the whole consisting of seven fire-rooms, besides kitchen, closets, pantry, cellar, and other conveniences. The House is commodious, free from smoke, and commands an extensive prospect of the Frith of Forth and adjacent country.—Any person inclining a private bargain before the day of sale, may apply to Mr Alexander Mackenzie writer to the signet, Prince's Street.—The house may be seen every Wednesday and Friday, from twelve to two o'clock.

TO BE SOLD by roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 30th of January, current, at five o'clock afternoon, the following SUBJECTS, which belonged to the deceased Andrew Dick, writer to the signet:

First, That LODGING in James's Court, being the Second Storey upwards, on the west end of the Court, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, small parlour, two bed-rooms, and a large lighted bed closet, with kitchen, cellars, and garrets, &c. all as presently possessed by Mrs Finlay of Wallyford.—This House commands an agreeable prospect of the Frith and country adjacent.

Second, A HOUSE in Mairns Close, Castlehill, being the Third Storey, entering by the small court on the left hand side of the close, consisting of three rooms, kitchen, with closets, garrets, and cellar, all as presently possessed by Mrs Macleod.

Third, That HOUSE in the Gooseclub, being the upper Storey of the tenement of land, which lately belonged to the deceased Robert Scott, merchant in Edinburgh, consisting of three rooms, kitchen, closet, and garret, as presently possessed by John Dick.

For other particulars apply to James Sommers writer in Edinburgh, who has power to conclude a private bargain.

## A FARM, in the Neighbourhood of Inverness, TO LET.

TO BE LET, for such endurance as may be agreed upon, and entered into at Whitunday next.

The FARM of UPPER TORBRECK, consisting of about 80 arable acres, besides pasture-ground, &c. The soil is well known to be of a very good quality, easily supplied with firing from an adjacent moor, and within so short a distance of the town of Inverness, as to render the farm every way eligible for an industrious tenant. The proprietor is to inclose the farm on the upper part next the pasture-ground, on or before Martinmas 1785, and will make a reasonable allowance for building office-houses, and subdividing the farm.

Proposals may be made to the proprietor at Torbreck, or to Mr George Bean writer in Inverness, on or before the 1st of March next; and if not accepted of, offerers names will be concealed.

## JUDICIAL SALE, UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, within the New Parliament or Session House of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 31st instant, between the hours of four and six afternoon.

That HOUSE in the Society, Edinburgh, built by Mr Campbell of Argyle's Square, and lately possessed by John Home, Esq; at L. 45 Sterling of yearly rent, &c. lies on the south of Mr Pringle's house, and consists of four fire-rooms, parlour, and drawing room floors; two stories above for bed-rooms, besides garrets. It holds of a subject superior, for payment of L. 100 per annum. The upset price L. 450 Sterling.

The house may be seen every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from twelve to two o'clock.

Copies of the articles of roup and conditions of sale are in the hands of Mr George Kirkpatrick depute clerk of session, and Matthew Sandilands writer to the signet, who will shew the progress of writs, and give any further information to those intending to purchase.

N. B. If not sold, the house will be let.

## TO BE SOLD.

Within the Exchange Coffee-house of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 7th day of February 1783, between the hours of five and six afternoon, **THE just and equal HALF of the following HOUSES, lying within the city of Edinburgh, viz.**

### L O R I.

The Half of that House on the second flat of the west entry of James's Court, consisting of four rooms and a kitchen, with a garret and cellar, as the same is presently possessed by Mrs Grant, at the yearly rent of 19 l. Sterling.

L O R II.—The Half of that House in the back part of Mill's Square, consisting of five rooms and a kitchen, with a garret and two cellars, as the same is presently possessed by Mrs Reynolds, at the yearly rent of 24 l. Sterling.

N. B. This house is insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office upon the old plan, at 3000 l. Scots, and the premium is paid up.

L O R III.—The Half of that House on the west side of Carrubber's Close, consisting of five rooms and a kitchen, with a cellar thereto belonging, as the same is presently possessed by Mr Innes, at the yearly rent of 18 l. Sterling.

And the Half of that House in Kinloch's Close, on the north side of the High Street, consisting of three rooms and a kitchen, as the same is presently possessed by Mrs Stewart, at the yearly rent of 41 l. Sterling.

N. B. These two last houses, which were formerly in one, are insured in the said office at 3000 l. Scots, and the premium is paid up; and they will be sold either separately or together, as purchasers shall incline.

L O R IV.—The half of that tenement of land in Borthwick's close, consisting of six separate houses, as the same are presently possessed by the following tenants, viz.

A house possessed by Robert Syme, at the yearly rent of 2 l. Sterling.

A house possessed by Thomas Stark, at the yearly rent of 21 s. 5s. Sterling.

A house, with a cellar thereto belonging, possessed by Mr Campbell, at the yearly rent of 8 l. Sterling.

A house, with a cellar thereto belonging, possessed by Mr Laing, at the yearly rent of 8 l. Sterling.

A house, with a cellar thereto belonging, possessed by Mr McLean, at the yearly rent of 8 l. Sterling.

A house, with a cellar thereto belonging, possessed by Mr Tough, at the yearly rent of 3 l. 10s. Sterling.

N. B. If purchasers shall incline, these Houses will be sold separately.

L O R V.—The Half of that House in the Meal-market Stairs, consisting of three rooms and a kitchen, with the garret thereto belonging, as the same is presently possessed by Mrs Maxton, at the yearly rent of 5 l. Sterling.

L O R VI.—The Half of that House in Blackfriar's Wynd, consisting of five rooms, with the garret and cellar thereto belonging, as the same is presently possessed by Mrs Shields, at the yearly rent of 8 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup and inventory of writs, which are clear, are in the hands of Alexander Gardner, at Mr Anderson's, in Buchanan's Court, to whom application may be made for further particulars.

## BY ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S CUSTOMS,

There is to be exposed to public roup and sale, at the Custom-house of the ports, upon the respective days after-mentioned at twelve o'clock noon each day,

**SUNDRY Parcels of FOREIGN RUM, BRANDY, GENEVA, AQUAVITE, RED and WHITE WINES, and Others,** lately condemned in the Exchequer. The Goods and conditions of sale to be seen at the respective Custom-houses on the morning of the day of sale, and on the day immediately preceding, at Custom-house hours.

**ABERDEEN, Friday, January 17, 1783.**—692 gallons Brandy; 484 gallons Geneva; 360 gallons Red Portugal Wine; 4 hogheads Red French Wine; 1304 gallons White Portugal Wine; 726 yards Sheetings; 1800 yards Diaper; 1 Damask Table Cloth; 12 Damask Table Napkins; 20 yards Corduroy; 10 pieces Furs; 200 Quills; a parcel of China; 2 Boats, and the Furniture of the Ship SWIFT.

**AYR, Wednesday, January 22, 1783.**—242½ gallons Brandy; 49 gallons Geneva; 406 gallons Red Portugal Wine; 131 gallons White Portugal Wine; 24 gallons Rum; and a small Boat.

**WIGTOWN, Monday, January 27, 1783.**—The Ship JEAIR of Creetown, with her Float-hat, Tackle, and Furniture.

**OBAN, Wednesday, January 22, 1783.**—20 chalders, and 21 bushels Chals.

## INN TO BE SOLD.

THAT well-frequented PUBLIC-HOUSE, known by the name of the KING'S ARMS INN, AYR, as at present possessed by Robert Wharton, is to be exposed to sale upon the premises, by way of public roup, on Friday the 14th day of February next, between the hours of four and six in the afternoon. The articles of roup and progress of writs to be seen in the hands of Robert Aitken writer in Ayr.

TO BE LET, by the year, and for any number of years as may be agreed on, and the entry to be at Whitunday first:

**An House of Three Stories and Garrets, fit for the accommodation of a large family, situated in the Nursery Ground at Wester Dalry, adjoining to the Glasgow Road, and in the parish of St Cuthberts.**

The House is neatly and substantially finished, consisting in the Ground Storey, of a dining room, kitchen, with a variety of fixtures, oven, and large copper-boilers, scullery with water pump, larder, servants hall, beer, and wine cellar.

In Second Storey, drawing room, two bed-chambers, with closets. In Third Storey, four bed-chambers, and closets, with an elegant stair-case, and large Garrets, together with a Stable, Hay-loft, and Coach-house, with six and a half acres of Ground, well laid out in a garden, with variety of fruit trees, and two large grass inclosures.

The House has neat Carron Grates in all the rooms, with a good many fixtures, which, if agreeable, will be allowed to remain.

For particulars, apply at the House, where the proprietor will show the premises every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

## A TAVERN AND HOUSE,

In Kennedy's Close to SELL.

TO BE SOLD, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 5th day of February next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

I. The TAVERN in Kennedy's Close, with the Cellar thereto belonging, possessed by James Hill winter.

II. The Large TENEMENT at the foot of said Close, and entering therefrom, consisting of three storeys, and several cellars and small houses on the ground storey, the court, stable, and hay-loft at the back of it, entering by Peebles Wynd, with the houses in Peebles Wynd, possessed by Duncan Stewart and others. These subjects occupy a pretty large area, are insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, and the premium paid. They will be set up altogether, or separately, as purchasers may incline.

III. The Little TENEMENT on the west side of the Close, possessed by John Macameron, and others, insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, and the premium paid.

The premises will be shown by Mr Hill; and the progress of writs, and articles of roup are to be seen in the hands of George Jaffray or Charles Livingston writers in Edinburgh; to whom any person inclining to make a private bargain may apply.

## Sale of Lands in Kinross-shire.

To be Sold by public roup, within the house of James Beveridge vintner in Kinross, upon Thursday the 30th of January current, betwixt the hours of twelve mid-day, and three afternoon.

THESE two quarters, or fourth parts, of the Town and Lands of EASTER BALLADO, belonging to the heirs of the deceased Henry Burt, lying within a mile of the town of Kinross: These lands hold of Mr Mercer of Adie for payment of 20 merks of feu-duty, and doubling the same at the entry of each heir or assignee. The whole are at present under tack to the said James Beveridge, who pays the whole public burdens together, with 43 l. 10s. Sterling of yearly fee rent, after all deductions, and is obliged to uphold the houses and biggings, and leave them in sufficient condition at the issue of the tack, and also to give up possession of the mansion-house and offices, with a convenient portion of the lands in the event of a sale, or in case the proprietor chuses to reside on the subject.

The conditions of roup, and progress of writs, are to be seen in the hands of Thomas Rattray writer in Edinburgh, and George Peat writer in Kinross, will give any further information requisite.

TO BE SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 22d day of January 1783, betwixt the hours of five and six in the afternoon.

**The House and Lands of POWDERHALL,** lately belonging to Mr Daniel Seton merchant in Edinburgh, deceased, lying within the barony of Broughton, parish of St Cuthberts, and shire of Edinburgh.

These lands are pleasantly situated upon the banks of the water of Leith, contain about sixteen Scots acres of a very rich soil, all completely inclosed and divided into several different fields, surrounded with very thriving and beautiful strips of planting. The pleasure ground is laid out with great taste, and the garden and wall surrounding the pleasure ground are well stocked with fruit-trees of many different kinds, which produce remarkably well.

The house stands upon the Bonnington road to Leith, within twenty-five minutes walk of the Cross of Edinburgh; and consists of a kitchen and eleven fire-rooms, besides five bed-rooms and two large light closets in the garret storey. The dining-room in the second storey is about 26 feet by 17, and the parlour in the first storey is about 16 by 14. There are also two cellars, one of them with catacombs, and a complete set of offices, containing stable for six horses, coach-house, cart-house, byre for four cows, milk-house, washing-house, and large laundry, with two servants rooms, and several other conveniences. At the offices is a pump-well plentifully supplied; and at the head of the entry from the Bonnington road, there is a good gardener's house of two apartments.

As also, the House called BEAVERHALL, built upon the said lands, consisting of five rooms and a bed-chamber, with a fire-place, besides kitchen, back-kitchen, laundry, pantry, and two garrets. Contiguous to the House is a large building, with a number of apartments, formerly made use of as a hat-manufactory, which may be easily converted into offices.

The said Lands hold of the Governors of Herriot's Hospital, for payment of an yearly feu-duty, of about 48 bolls barley bear.

For the encouragement of purchasers, the whole of the above subjects will be exposed at the upset-price of 1400 l. Sterling.

The House at Powderhall may be seen on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, betwixt eleven and two o'clock. William Knox gardener at Powderhall will show the grounds.

The title-deeds of the whole of the above subjects, which are clear, with a plan of the grounds at Powderhall, and the articles of roup may be seen in the hands of Andrew Hamilton, clerk to the signet.

## MEETING OF CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of Mr SHARP of Hoddam are desired to meet themselves or their doers, in the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Monday the 27th current, at twelve o'clock noon, to consider a plan to be laid before them for the more readily executing affairs.

## STORE FARMS,

Parish of Yarrow, Forest of Selkirk.

TO BE LET, the extensive Sheep Farm of SHAW'S, possessed by Mr Thomson Borthwick, who has run two very long tacks, which expire at Whitunday 1783. Also, the Farm of WEST KERSHOP, presently possessed by — Thompson, and which was held lately under a long lease by Mr Borthwick, as a fed Farm to Shaws, to which lies near, and is very convenient. The high character of these farms perfectly well known to all the Store-masters.

Proposals may be delivered in to Mr George Malcolm at Borthwick who is empowered to treat, or to John Johnstone the proprietor at Ayr.

TO BE SOLD, by public voluntary Roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 22d Day of January 1783, between the hours of four and five afternoon.

**The Lands called the MAINS of BOTHKENNAR, lying in the Parish of Bothkennar, and Shire of Stirling,** whereof the free yearly rent, putting a moderate price on the virtual value of the tenants, is 60 l. 2s. 7d. Sterling.—These Lands consist of about fifty-two Scots acres of rich carle ground, and are situated in the beautiful part of the country called the Kerrie of Falkirk.

The articles of roup, a rental of the lands, the progress of writs (which is perfectly clear), and the current tacks, may be seen in the hands of Alexander Duncan, writer to the signet, to whom, or to Thomas Rattray, writer in Edinburgh, intending purchasers may apply for further information.

## SALE of the ESTATES of CLOSEBURN, &c. IN THE COUNTY OF DUMFRIES.

Upset Prices Reduced.

TO BE SOLD by roup, or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 22d of January 1783, betwixt the hours of five and seven afternoon.

I. The Lands and Barony of CLOSEBURN, and PATRONAGE of the united Parishes of Closeburn and Dalgarney, the Farm of KIRKPATRICK, and the Lands and Estate of SHAW'S, both marching with the barony of Closeburn; all lying in the united parishes of Closeburn and Dalgarney, and shire of Dumfries. To be exposed together, for the encouragement of purchasers, at 50,000 l. Sterling.

II. The Lands and Estate of CAPENOCH, lying in the parish of Keir and shire of Dumfries. To be exposed at 5000 l. Sterling.

If the barony of Closeburn, the Farm of Kirkpatrick, and the estate of Shaws, do not sell together, they will be exposed in the following lots, and, for the encouragement of offerers, at the following upset prices:

LOT I. The Barony of CLOSEBURN, to be exposed at 43,000 l.

LOT II. The Farm of KIRKPATRICK, to be exposed at 1500 l.

LOT III. The Lands and Estate of SHAW'S, at 6300 l.

The Barony of Closeburn consists of about 9360 acres; and the free rent for the year to Whitunday 1781, after deduction of public burdens, was about 1800 l. exclusive of the lime-quarries.

The Woods upon this estate are extensive and valuable, consisting of about 270 acres, whereof 180 is mostly oak, one half twenty years old, the other lately cut; 50 is fir and other timber near and around the mansion-house, all full grown, being above 30 years old; and the remaining 40 acres is thriving plantations of young firs on the farms of Campsie and Lakehead. The oak woods, at the last cutting, sold for above 2300 l.

The farm of Closeburn Mains is all inclosed and sub-divided, and some of the parks were, a few years ago, laid down to grass in great beauty, and a considerable part of the remaining estate is also inclosed and laid out in small farms, and provided with neat farm houses and offices, lately built.

Near the middle of the Barony there is a lime-work, in a most flourishing condition, which, besides affording a noble fund for improving the estate, has, for a number of years past, yielded several hundred pounds of clear annual profit.

The estate has a right of Salmon-fishing on the river Nith, which bounds it on the south. It has also great plenty of moor; and the whole is well sheltered and watered.

It is situated about ten measured miles from the market-town, and 13 from the sea port of Dumfries, where there is a constant demand for grain, both for home consumption and export; also a weekly market for cattle of every kind. It is about the same distance from Sanquhar, from which coal is got at a reasonable rate; and it is only two miles from the village of Thornhill, where there is a quarterly fair, and a good market for yarn, and all sorts of coarse cloths, the manufacture of the country.

The great roads from England and Dumfries, to Glasgow and Ayr, by Thornhill and Sanquhar, and to Edinburgh, by the Lead-hills, pass through this estate, for upwards of three miles.

These advantages, in point of situation and intercourse, afford an opportunity to the tenants of getting the very best prices for the produce of their farms.

The barony of Closeburn stands rated in the cess-books at 4350 merks Scots, whereof above 3000 merks holds blench of the Crown, and the remainder of subjects for payment of small feu-duties; and the proprietor has right to the tithes.

The Farm of Kirkpatrick lies interjected between the barony of Closeburn and the lands of Shaws; it is a very large and a very improvable farm, consisting of 429 acres, or thereby, which includes 30 acres of its planting, about 13 years old, very thriving.

This farm was lately purchased, and was then reckoned a very cheap bargain; and since that time about 220 l. has been laid out for building, inclosing, and liming.

The Lands of Shaws are beautifully situated on the river Nith, and have a good salmon-fishing in that river; and they march with Closeburn and Kirkpatrick on the east. They consist of about 490 acres, all well inclosed and subdivided; as they are mostly in the hands of the proprietor, the present yearly rent cannot be ascertained; but it is expected, that, in a year or two hence, they will yield a clear rent of about 300 l. per annum.

There is a neat commodious mansion-house and excellent office-houses of all kinds, all in good repair. The woods are valuable, consisting in whole of about 67 acres, partly full grown and fit for sale; and the remainder well advanced and very thriving.

These lands were lately purchased at 5540 l.; but, since that time, above 1000 l. has been laid out in liming, improving, and building houses for tenants.

The estate of Capenoch is pleasantly situated on the banks of the waters of Shinnel and Searr. It contains 900 acres or thereby, including about 56 acres of wood, mostly oak, twenty years old, and fit almost fit for sale. The arable part of this estate has almost all been limed within these few years; and the pasture ground is reckoned one of the best sheep walks in Nithsdale. The lands of Byholm are all inclosed and divided into small farms, and good houses built on them.

The present rent of Byholm and Begrioch Park is 138 l. and the former rent of Capenoch was about 107 l. It was in the heritor's own hand for the year 1780; but is now let for three years, from Whitunday 1782, at 60 l. under restriction as to ploughing; but, in the hands of the purchaser, there is no doubt of its letting again upon a lease of endurance at the former rent of 107 l. The woods are valuable; at last cutting, about twenty years ago, they sold for about 1000 l.

William Campbell writer to the signet will shew the title-deeds, rentals, and current leases, also plans of the estates, and conditions of sale; and copies of the rent-rolls will be seen in the hands of Mr William Mardowal, at Dumfries, factor on the estate, who will also shew the lands.

For farther particulars, apply to Alexander Farquharson accountant in Edinburgh, who has power to sell by private bargain, and will be ready to treat and allow a reasonable time to pay the price.